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CLOSURE OF TEXTILE MANUFACTURING MILLS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile manufacturing mills in the country;

(b) whether several textile manufacturing units have been closed down during each of the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefore; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) The number of textile manufacturing mills including weaving units in the country as on 31.10.2006 is 3174.

(b) & (c) : The details of textile manufacturing units closed during each of the last three years is as under :-

(In numbers)

2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
52	13	10

The reasons for closure of these units are financial difficulties, lock outs, strike, labour problems, low productivity due to lack of modernization, stagnation in demand and inability of some units to expand in the export market, increase in the cost of inputs, difficulties in getting timely and adequate working capital, etc.

(d) : In order to provide interim relief to the textile workers rendered unemployed as a consequence of permanent closure of any particular portion or entire textile units, Government has introduced the Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme with effect from 15th September, 1986. Since the inception of the scheme till 30.11.2006, 32 units in Gujarat, 4 units in Tamil Nadu, 3 units in Maharashtra, 4 units in Madhya Pradesh, 1 unit in Karnataka, 1 unit in West Bengal and 1 unit in Delhi, i.e., a total of 46 mills were found eligible under the scheme. A total of 80205 workers of these 46 mills have been disbursed relief of an amount of Rs. 186.24 crore.